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Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted.

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	Payment for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) accompanies this submission by way of American Express Account No. 378571697401002 in the amount of \$ Form 2038 is attached for that purpose; or
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_	The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover any required fee is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

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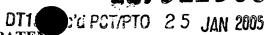
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Dear Sir:

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 and request that the Examiner consider them and make them of record in this application. The listed documents were cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority in the corresponding PCT application (PCT/EP2003/001412).

The copies of the foreign references cited therein are enclosed herewith.

This statement is made in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure and is not an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits under 37 CFR § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fee is due

Respectfully submitted,

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